

**Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

- Meeting is called to order. Welcome visitors.
- Correction to the October minutes regarding the Trail Commission report. The monies cannot be used for surfacing since that has already been done. Another suggestion is to add the time of the meetings to the line stating when the next FMOT meetings will be held.
- Treasurer's report, from Chuck Mabley, shows a \$4,375.47 end of the month balance for October.
- Trail Commission Update (Chuck Mabley)–
 - Jim from the Metroparks Tree Inventory is being done this week. Closer to Richmond the large trees that pose a danger will be removed.
 - Another month is wanted to adopt a formal, inspection report that will be used April-October for the trees.
 - Approval was given to the Friends group to print off nice maps that include the FMOT member application
 - MDOT still is not approving the resurface funding
 - One of the members brochures said that Romeo Schools wants to participate in the adopt-a-trail program
 - The December meeting will be Dec. 22 at 8 a.m.
- John Brown and John Crumm presented at the Kiwanis Club pictures and plans for the Romeo Park. It is believed it will be on Channel 6. The heads of the Romeo Parks and Rec. was in attendance
- John Tarantino reports that cyclists are saying that bolts are missing from bridges. He told them to let John Crumm know about this.
- There have also been more complaints made about the trail surface. A member said that it seems like this will be a problem that “festers before it is fixed.”
- It is suggested that we get a hold of the new *Detroit Daily Press* newspaper for possible publicity.
- Chuck said that we got a letter regarding our post office number for bulk mailing. We haven't a need for one since it doesn't seem to save time and money to send out the newsletters that way.
- The Clinton River Riders are now doing online newsletters. Just a suggestion...Neil says that it wouldn't be a problem if we use a program that puts them in PDF format. The Rumohrs will look into it. There are upcoming issues that will keep the Rumohrs from working on the newsletter. Discussion is requested in January on the future of the newsletter.
- Dave Rumohr will be having surgery, our thoughts and prayers are with him for a safe and speedy recovery.
- John Tarantino announces that he will not be coming back as chairman next year. He needs to concentrate on his duties as president of the Stony Creek Runners and Clinton River Riders. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, John.
- We will meet in January it is decided.
- Neil says we should look into how other trails have done adopt-a-trail programs. John says a good resource might be Nancy Krupiarz.
- Another important announcement is that the Rumohrs are expecting their first grandchild in March. Congratulations!
- Meeting adjourned.

Next official meeting is Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Camp Rotary.

Attendance (*Indicates board member)

Don Hook
Cindy Hook
Neil Kocsis
Marty Osborne*
Chuck Mabley*
John Tarantino*
Dave Rumohr*
Lee Rumohr
Rich Platz*
Christine Hamilton*

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FMOT Secretary*